

SHREDS AND PATCHES

Mound Bayou, Miss., is a Negro town. Hon. A. P. Hood, its mayor, is the only Negro official of the kind in the country. He is about 30 years old, and succeeded Isaiah T. Montgomery, who founded the town and resigned the mayoralty after serving several terms, to become receiver of public moneys at Jackson. Mound Bayou is an object lesson of the Negro's capacity for self-government, and has 30 places of business in operation. The population is entirely colored. Loafers who drop in are shipped away, and as no liquor is sold, there is little need for the services of policemen.

Bishop Arnett is in California.

The rag carpet is coming back again.

Colored men in the United States own 230 drug stores.

Alexandria, Va., now has an Episcopalian mission church.

A Baptist university has been established in Indianapolis, Ind.

Booker T. Washington, Jr., aged 15 years, is a practical brick mason.

Mrs. E. Lewis, of Chicago, has saved \$25,000 in the hair-dressing business.

Indianapolis does not bar married female teachers from its public schools.

The Home Shoe Company, a colored enterprise, has opened for business in Baltimore.

The Excelsior Grocery and Provision Company is a new enterprise inaugurated by Boston colored men.

Zion pastors are endeavoring to raise funds to erect a monument to the late Bishop Singleton T. Jones.

There are 200 Episcopal churches among the colored people, with about 13,000 regular communicants.

Wilmot, Ark., is the home of the Walters Institute, a school named in honor of the distinguished Zion prelate.

Brother Samuel W. Starks, of Charleston, W. Va., was married on the 27th ult. to Miss Lillian Madre, of Athens, Ohio.

Rev. C. S. Brown was unanimously re-elected president of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Society, at the meeting in Washington.

Mr. R. J. Kyles, private secretary to Rev. W. L. Taylor, W. G. M. of the Tr. Reformers, has opened a school for instruction in typewriting and stenography in Richmond, Va.

Washington's glutted market of teachers is being relieved by helping to supply talent for the schools of our sister city, Baltimore, and, surprising to relate, she doesn't like the invasion.

Dr. W. M. Alexander has been made a life member of the Lott Carey Missionary Convention, as a reward for money raised for the support of the cause and faithful service to the convention.

Rev. E. D. W. Jones, one of the ablest divines of the A. M. E. Zion church, has been transferred from Allegheny, Pa., after a long service, and placed in charge of Washington Chapel, St. Louis.

Baltimore's "old cits" are up in arms over the aggressions of new arrivals, who threaten the social supremacy of these "unto the manor born." The interloper problem worries some folks in Washington, too.

The Colored High and Training School at Baltimore has the largest enrollment in its history, there being over 250 now entered, with a prospect of an increase. Prof. Waring will be a busy man for awhile.

The Negro linemen employed by the

street car companies at Richmond, Va., have been discharged because the white linemen refused to continue if the Negroes were permitted to work. To avoid a strike, the companies weakly yielded.

Dr. D. J. Phillips is the first Negro physician in America to hold diplomas and degrees from the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is a native of Jamaica, British West Indies, and practices in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. E. Overton says that Rev. B. J. Bolding, pastor of the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, preached at the last conference of the Baltimore and Philadelphia conferences held at Harrisburg, and that it was the most scholarly sermon ever delivered before that august body.

"Big Jim Parker" is telling the story of the McKinley assassination and the part he played in the tragedy to the people of New England, and is drawing large audiences. His appearance in Providence was especially noteworthy, the meeting being given a column in the Providence Journal.

Miss Mary E. Brown wants to become an elder in the A. M. E. Zion church, but objection being raised to her at the recent Bishop's Council on several grounds, her application goes over until the next General Conference. It is doubtful if the churches care to increase the number of women elders.

Prof. P. E. Robinson, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, of Greensboro, N. C., is taking a course at the National Summer School of Agriculture in Columbus, Ohio. Only two Negro schools are represented at this graduate school, which is under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and the Association of the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

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At least one oleaginous rascalion has his notice that he can not run amuck with the easy confidence of a "soldier of fortune," besmirching and attempting to besmirch the honorable characters of those who pay no attention to his fool's plaint and who thoroughly understand his clever (?) devices to secure recognition!

The would-be sage and savant knows well that he can not hoodwink the despised "youngster" whom he affects to stigmatize, no matter how hard he may cry the game. He may "walk the boards" and, strutting with exaggerated notions of his puny importance, declaim, "I ne'er recant," yet recanting in a hurry, a la Cresceus hurry, when confronted with his bombastic literary progeny! That's the end of it. He knows it, and he knows full well that the aforesaid "youngster" knows it, too.

This lightning-change artist would pose as a man of principle, changing his convictions after mature consideration. But he will not baffle the issue. He is a lightning-change artist for pelf, and a mighty small pelf at that. It's this kind of thing that makes honorable men despise cheap, posturing, professing creatures like this one. He may beguile some with his "aseptic speech" and oily gentility, but his "youngster" knows him well and marks him as a fakir—one of the kind, like everyone of similar brand in the country—who lustily yells, "attend to your knitting," when his dark, mysterious, heathen Chinese tricks are uncovered! Ye youngster then has recourse to his own cheap artillery, and dismisses the manly (?) but peripatetic mud slinger with "an humble sneer." Selah!

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